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To: High-School Student Mock Election Coordinator

From: The MyVote California Team

Subject: High-School Mock Presidential Primary Election – Materials and Instructions

Thank you for participating in the MyVote High-School Mock Presidential Primary Election set for January 28 and 29. For many of your students, the experience of making their voices heard during this exciting presidential primary election season will be their first step toward becoming lifelong voters. Thank you for helping to make this a rewarding and memorable experience!

Our mission is to provide you with the materials, instructions and information you will need to hold a successful mock election at your school. If, after reviewing this material, you have questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to email us at MyVote@sos.ca.gov or call us at (916) 651-3070.

Materials and Resources

- High School Mock Presidential Primary Election ballots. Students will vote for **one presidential candidate** of their choice and vote “yes” or “no” on ***three ballot measures***.
- A template for “I Voted” stickers to be handed out to students who vote in the High-School Mock Presidential Primary Election.
- Posters you can use in the classroom or hang in the auditorium or any other area where the students will be voting.
- A list of online resources to assist you in preparing your students to vote in the mock election.
- Official statements of each of the political parties whose candidates appear on the mock election ballot.
- A School Vote Reporting Form to help you tabulate the results and report them to the Secretary of State's Office by 5:00 p.m. on January 29.

Instructions for Tabulating and Reporting Election Results

The official voting days in the MyVote California High-School Mock Presidential Primary Election are January 28 and 29. However, if your school schedule will make it difficult to hold the election on those days, you may begin the voting a few days or even a week earlier to suit your needs. We only ask that you report your results no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29.

- **How to report your results:** Use the School Vote Reporting Form to tabulate and report the results for your school. You are welcome to create your own classroom vote tally form, or distribute a copy of the School Vote Reporting Form to teachers for use in tabulating the votes in their classroom. Once you have tabulated the campus-wide mock election vote tally and entered the results on the School Vote Reporting Form, you will need to send the results directly to the Secretary of State using **one** of the methods listed below.

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- **When to report your election results:** Please submit your results to the Secretary of State's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29. It's important that you report your election results by this time in order to allow the MyVote California Team to compile statewide totals and post them to our website.

How to Find Results for the High School Presidential Primary Mock Election

Results will be available on the Secretary of State's website www.sos.ca.gov. Click on the "MyVote Student Mock Election" logo to find out how other schools in California voted.